

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A method of allowing a player to place a bet on a plurality of roulette wheels that are spun substantially simultaneously, the method including steps of:

providing a plurality of roulette wheels and a respective plurality of balls, each said wheel having a plurality of compartments;

providing a betting area associated with the plurality of roulette wheels;

allowing a player to select a subset of the roulette wheels upon which he wishes to place a bet;

allowing the player to use the betting area to bet on an outcome of spinning the selected subset of wheels;

spinning at least the selected subset of wheels substantially simultaneously such that each said ball comes to rest in a said compartment of its respective wheel,

rewarding the player depending on the outcome of the bet placed.

2. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the player is required to select a minimum number of at least two ~~7-e.g.-2,~~ of the wheels for the subset.

3. (original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of allowing the player to bet on an outcome of spinning the selected subset of wheels involves the player selecting a compartment, or a set of compartments, in which he predicts the ball of one or more of the selected wheels will land when it comes to rest.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the player is awarded a bonus if he places a plurality of bets and more than one of the bets are winning bets.

6. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, further including steps of:

allowing the player to use the betting area to select a further compartment or a further set of compartments ~~which will~~ to be associated with all or some of the plurality of wheels;

determining whether a further win state has occurred, [[a]] the further win state existing if the balls of more than one of the spun wheels are resting in the further compartment or in one of the further set of compartments corresponding to the respective selections made by the player, and

rewarding the player in accordance with the win state.

7. (original) Gaming apparatus for allowing a player to bet on a plurality of roulette wheels, the apparatus including:

a plurality of roulette wheels and a respective plurality of balls, each said wheel having a plurality of compartments;

a selection device for allowing a player to select a subset of the roulette wheels upon which he wishes to place a bet;

a betting area associated with the plurality of roulette wheels, the betting area usable by the player to bet on an outcome of spinning the selected subset of wheels;

a device for spinning at least the selected subset of wheels substantially simultaneously such that each said ball comes to rest in a said compartment of its respective wheel,

a device for rewarding the player depending on the outcome of the bet placed.

8. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein at least the balls and/or the wheels are simulated and shown on a display.

9. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein at least the balls and/or the wheels are simulated and shown on a display and at least the balls and/or the wheels are simulated and shown on a display and the display is remote from at least some of the devices.

10-12. (canceled)

13. (new) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of allowing a player to select a subset of the roulette

wheels upon which he wishes to place a bet comprises the step of the player identifying the specific wheel or wheels to be included in the subset.

14. (new) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said selection device for allowing a player to select a subset of the roulette wheels upon which he wishes to place a bet comprises a device for the player to identify the specific wheel or wheels to be included in the subset.

15. (new) A method of allowing a player to place a bet on plural roulette wheels using one betting area that is common to the plural roulette wheels, the method comprising steps of:

a player identifying a subset of at least two of the plural roulette wheels upon which he wishes to place a bet;

the player betting on an outcome of spinning the subset of the plural roulette wheels using the one betting area;

spinning the subset of the plural roulette wheels substantially simultaneously; and

rewarding the player based on the outcome of the spinning.

16. (new) A gaming apparatus for betting on plural roulette wheels, the apparatus comprising:

plural roulette wheels that are adapted to be spun substantially simultaneously;

one betting area that is common to said plural roulette wheels; and

a selection device at which a player identifies a subset of at least two of said plural roulette wheels upon which the player places a bet using said one betting area.